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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Communication dated October 4, 2006, concerning the above-referenced patent application. The response is timely filed within one month from the mailing date of the communication.

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